MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): Yes, there are paddy fields. Because of these breachs, may I know whether the water will not flow into these paddy fields in times of flood?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The main question is the extent of paddy fields affected by the breaches, and the answer is that no paddy fields are affected. The answer is based upon the report of the Chief Engineer.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government have received any petition saying that the paddy fields are affected in those places?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say that.

Difficulties in getting Text-Books in time.

403. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Are the Government aware that the students as well as the public are put to considerable hardships on account of the fact that they cannot obtain Government and other text-books even after the expiry of two or three months since the commencement of the school year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are aware that there has been some delay in the supply and distribution of the Government Malayalam Readers.

Opening a road joining Dharmapuram road and Irulappapuram Village.

404. MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that petitions have been presented to them and to the Public Works Department during the twelve years ending March 1929 by the people of Irulappapuram, Vadivisvaram pakuti, Agastisvaram taluk, for opening a road from the 7th furlong, 1st mile, of the Dharmapuram road to Irulappapuram village;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the estimate and land plan for the above road were submitted to the Chief Engineer for sanction by the Division Officer on the 10th March 1928; and

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, whether they will consider the advisability of issuing orders to the authorities concerned to construct the road at an early date and relieve the public concerned of their present difficulties?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer received two petitions, one in Kumbham 1101 and the other in February 1929, for the road in question.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This will be considered.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), will the member say whether the estimate has been sent to the Government for sanction?

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